

GRIMM 223 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)

Koeppler, et al.

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For

POROUS SILICA GRANULE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SYNTHETIC

QUARTZ GLASS POWDER USING THE POROUS SILICA

GRANULE

Art Unit

1773

Examiner

Nikolas J. Uhlir

August 1, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002, imposing a restriction requirement, a response to which is due August 1, 2002, applicants hereby elect:

Group 2

Claims 4-12, 14-25 and 27-31 and 33-37

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 38-40 as follows:

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